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641—76.9(135) Grant application procedures for community-based contract agencies. Private nonprofit or public agencies seeking to provide community-based Title V-MCH public health services shall file a letter of intent to make application to the department no later than April 1 of the competitive year. Applications shall be to administer MCH services for a specified project period, as defined in the request for proposal, with an annual continuation application. The contract period shall be from October 1 to September 30 annually. All materials submitted as part of the grant application are considered public records in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 22, after a notice of award is made by the department. Notification of the availability of funds and grant application procedures will be provided in accordance with the department rules found in 641—Chapter 176.

Contract agencies are selected on the basis of the grant applications submitted to the department. The department will consider only applications from private nonprofit or public agencies. In the case of competing applications, the contract will be awarded to the applicant that scores the highest number of points in the review.